

CHILD NUTRITION AND FOOD DISTRIBUTION DIVISION MANAGEMENT BULLETIN

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TO:	Summer Food Service Program	ISSUE DATE: February 1999
FROM:	Nutrition Standards Unit	
ATTENTION:	Food Service Directors, Executive Directors, and Authorized Representatives	
SUBJECT:	Crediting Salsa and Baby Carrots in Child Nutrition Programs	
REFERENCES:	APB: CNP-97-55, "Crediting Salsa and Baby Carrots in Child Nutrition Programs" Supersedes Management Bulletin 97-368	

This management bulletin transmits information from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) on the crediting of salsa and baby carrots in the Summer Food Service Program. It replaces Management Bulletin 97-368, issued October 1997.

Previously, commercially prepared salsa was not permissible in the Summer Food Service Program. However, USDA approved the use of commercially prepared salsa and fresh salsa under the following circumstances:

Any salsa credited must consist only of vegetable ingredients. Nonvegetable or nonfruit components, such as modified food starch, gums, and stabilizers, cannot be credited. A product specification form must accompany the product and contain adequate information to ensure the product contains a minimum of one-eighth cup vegetable or fruit.

Salsa used in amounts smaller than one-eighth cup cannot be counted towards meeting the vegetable/fruit component.

Baby Carrots

USDA contracted with an outside laboratory to determine yield information on ready-to-eat baby carrots. Based on a 1¾ - 2 inch length carrot, it was determined that a 1.3 ounce sample yields 8.5 carrots. If the size of baby carrots differs, then it is recommended that menu planners use a 1.3 ounce sample to determine the number of carrots per serving. The yield information is summarized below.

- 8.5 carrots = 1.3 ounces
- Yield: 12.33 servings per pound as purchased (1 serving = ¼ cup)

If you have any questions, please call Kathy Mackey, Child Nutrition Consultant for the Summer Food Service Program, at (916) 324-0578 or at the toll free number (800) 952-5609.

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